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APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application for:

Inventor(s):

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For: SECURITY AND AUTHENTICATION OF POSTAGE INDICIA

(This is a continuation of application no. 09/031744, filed on February 27, 1998)

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- [X] An executed Combined Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney
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Respectfully submitted,

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